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(37 CFR 1.63)**

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First Named Inventor		Elizabeth L. Lee
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Application Number	09/897,450-8348	
Filing Date	July 3, 2001	
Group Art Unit	2064	
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned	

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SYSTEM, APPARATUS, AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING CRYPTOGRAPHIC VALIDITY SERVICES

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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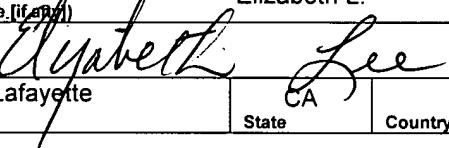
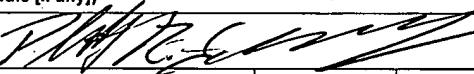
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Elizabeth L. Lee, et al.

Application No./Patent No.: 09/897,450 Filed/Issue Date: July 3, 2001

SYSTEM, APPARATUS, AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING CRYPTOGRAPHIC VALIDITY
Entitled: SERVICES

Bank of America Corporation, a Corporation
(Name of Assignee) Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government
agency, etc.

states that it is:

- the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

10/19/01
Date

Michael A. Springs, Esq.

Typed or printed name

Signature

Michael A. Springs
Assistant General Counsel

Title

ASSIGNMENT BY INVENTORS

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made this 15th day of October, 2001 by Elizabeth L. Lee and Phillip R. Schlesinger (hereinafter referred to as Assignors), residing at 1089 Miller Drive, Lafayette, California 94549 and 4822 California Street, San Francisco, California 94118, respectively;

WHEREAS, Assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in SYSTEM, APPARATUS, AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING CRYPTOGRAPHIC VALIDITY SERVICES, set forth in a Patent application for Letters Patent of the United States, already filed on July 3, 2001 as U.S. application No. 09/897,450-8348; and

WHEREAS, Bank of America Corporation, a corporation organized under and pursuant to the laws of North Carolina having its principal place of business at 100 North Tryon Street; Charlotte, North Carolina 28255; (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and said Application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States to be obtained therefor and thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-mentioned inventions and application for Letters Patent, and in and to any and all direct and indirect divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application, and any and all Letters Patent in the United States and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor and thereon, and reissues, reexaminations and extensions of said Letters Patent, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by Assignee, for its own use and benefit and the use and benefit of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent may be granted and/or extended, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors, had this sale and assignment not been made.

AND for the same consideration, Assignors hereby agree to provide all reasonable aid to Assignee in the making and prosecuting of any application for Letters Patent that Assignee may wish to make covering the invention claimed in the application and investing in Assignee like exclusive right, title, and interest in and to all such other applications and resulting Letters Patent in similar proportion. Assignors hereby agree that Assignors will similarly aid Assignee in the prosecution of any interference that may arise involving any application for Letters Patent herein contemplated; provided, however, that Assignee fully indemnifies and holds harmless Assignors from all claims, losses, suits and damages, including attorney's fees and all other expenses, actually incurred in connection with any of the obligations of Assignors in this paragraph.

AND Assignors hereby request the Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent of the United States to Assignee, as Assignee of said inventions and the Letters Patent to be issued thereon, for the sole use and benefit of Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

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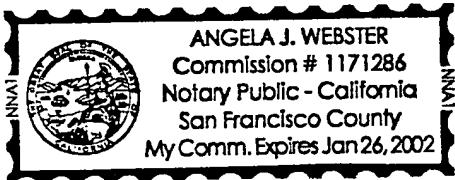
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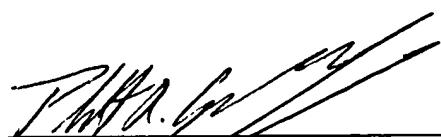
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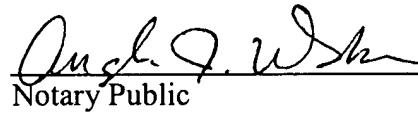
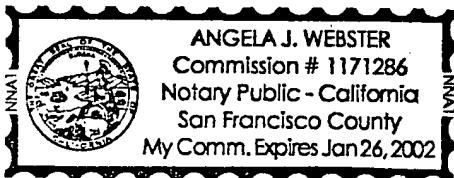


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On this 15th day of October, 2001, before me personally came Phillip R. Schlesinger, to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged execution of the same.



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